

Docket No.: 4481-022

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Manfred BERNDT

Serial No. 09/598,890

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For: SUPPLY ELEMENT FOR A LABORATORY MICROCHIP



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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the July 23, 2002 Office Action, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the attached specification in its entirety. As evidenced by the attached marked-up copy of the original specification, no new matter has been added.

In the Abstract:

Please substitute the attached abstract for the original abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and substitute the following new claims:

--17. A supply element for a laboratory microchip with a microfluid structure for at least one of chemical, physical, or biological processing, the microchip having a first supplier to supply substances to the microchip and a second supplier to supply a potential to the microchip to move substances corresponding to the microfluid structure, the supply element comprising:

at least one substance-containing third supplier to contain a substance, said at

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